

House Resolution 1646

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to reject any initiatives
2 legalizing illegal aliens, to enthusiastically enforce American immigration laws, and to
3 support the enforcement of America's borders; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in his State of the Union speech on January 27, 2010, President Barack Obama
5 proclaimed, "We should continue the work of fixing our broken immigration system — to
6 secure our borders and enforce our laws, and ensure that everyone who plays by the rules can
7 contribute to our economy and enrich our nation"; and

8 WHEREAS, immigration into the United States should benefit the American people and law
9 abiding immigrants; and

10 WHEREAS, our nation's lawful immigrants who come to the United States through
11 established ports of entry have made invaluable contributions to the progress of Georgia and
12 the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, legal immigrants who are admitted in reasonable, sustainable numbers continue
14 to enrich the social, economic, cultural, and civic life of our country and state; and

15 WHEREAS, enthusiastic enforcement of American immigration and employment laws
16 contributes not only to U.S. citizens but also to all lawful newcomers seeking citizenship
17 through current legal channels; and

18 WHEREAS, our nation and state benefit greatly from the lawful immigrant workers who
19 play an important role in the future growth of our economy; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia is a great destination for international visitors and businesses, and we
21 should continue to support efforts to attract international tourists and investors; and

22 WHEREAS, in order to best ensure our nation's security, our existing immigration
23 enforcement measures must be effective, fair, humane, and applied equally to all people
24 regardless of race or national origin; and

25 WHEREAS, to preserve public safety in our local communities, local governments should
26 continue to use the federal 287(g) program which is a fair, reasonable law enforcement tool;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, public safety and economic security are further preserved by requiring
29 employers to participate in employment verification systems such as the 1996 federal
30 employment verification system known as E-Verify; and

31 WHEREAS, previous amnesty programs, such as the federal amnesty initiative of 1986, have
32 proven to be disastrous for both American public safety and our economic security.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body urge President Barack Obama and members of the United States
35 Congress to reject any initiative legalizing illegal aliens, to enthusiastically enforce American
36 immigration laws, and to support the enforcement of America's borders.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama and
39 to the Georgia delegation to the United States Congress.